5 Calle de Lista

Barrio de Salamanca

Madrid June 26

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My dear Sir,

I am very very sorry to hear that you are unwell and much vexed with myself for troubling you at such a moment; but as the servant who took my letter is somewhat careless, I was rather doubtful if it had reached its destination

Yesterday I called at the Embassy, and was most kindly received

by Sir John and Lady Walsham
They have known me for
some time, and have always
manifested great interest for
me Sir John has been Minister
during the absence of Layard
in Constantinople, but un-
fortunately leaves Madrid
next week, when the new
Minister Sackville West is
expected here. As I dont know
this gentleman, the Secretary
will explain to him my request
and I think there is no doubt
of obtaining his signature.
I should, however, have preferred
that of Sir John, if there had

... been time enough, which
I fear there is not.
Unless it is absolutely necessary
I should not wish to ask
... Lord Houghton's signature.
Of this, however, you are the
best judge.
The memorial is perfectly
correct except in one point.
My husband thank God is
... still living, though at the
... advanced age of 83 years.
But his mental faculties are
... unimpaired, but his health
... is too delicate to enable him
... to dedicate himself con-
... stantly to official occupations

as in other times, when
he was Consul in Gibraltar
and for many years held
high official posts in
Madrid
With my warmest wishes
for your health and
happiness
I beg me to remain
Dear Sir
Yours very sincerely
Jenny Keats de Lemos